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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

> (1) Amendment and Response to Office Action including proposed changes to FIGS. 1 and 5.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the Amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0459 as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 30, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: